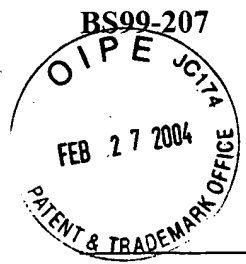


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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 16, 2004. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.